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RESPONSE TO JUNE 17, 2003 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003 setting forth a restriction requirement with a one-month period for response, Applicant elects without traverse the subject matter of Group V, Claims 29 and 33, directed to a process for preparing a polypeptide that consists of the variable region of a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to an extracellular domain of a *flt-1* receptor and neutralizes activation of the receptor. This election is made without prejudice to the filing of divisional application(s) directed to non-elected inventions. A Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a) is concurrently submitted herewith and extends the period for response for three months, up to and including October 17, 2003. The petition is accompanied by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c). Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 17, 2003

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